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TO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CHAD'S REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. AMBASSADOR ALINGUE PAID CALL ON DEPASSTSECY MULCAHY JAN. 23 TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF HIS CONSULTATIONS IN N'DJAMENA. ALINGUE STATED THAT SMC AND MALLOUM IN PARTICULAR WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH USG RESPONSE TO CHADIAN APPEAL FOR ARMS AID SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO MOHAWK AIRCRAFT. GOC HAS DECIDED THAT OTHER WEAPONS AVAILABLE IN US ARE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR PURCHASE IN NEAR FUTURE; ITS PRIMARY CONCERN REMAINS PROCUREMENT OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT FOR USE AGAINST REBELS IN NORTHERN CHAD. ALINGUE SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MALLOUM AT END OF HIS CONSULTATIONS TO "TELL HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS THAT CHAD CAN NOW DO NOTHING" AGAINST REBELS, GIVEN USG INABILITY TO RELEASE MOHAWKS.

2. ON ANOTHER MATTER, ALINGUE APPEALED FOR DEPT'S SUPPORT OF GOC APPLICATION TO EXIMBANK FOR GTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT. MULCAHY SAID WE WOULD LOOK INTO IT. GTE WASH-
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INGTON OFFICE TOLD DEPOFF JAN. 27 THAT COMSAT FEASIBILITY

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STUDY FOR PROJECT BEING SUBMITTED SAME DAY TO EXIMBANK, WHICH WOULD THEN BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT. GTE VERY MUCH AWARE OF JULY 1 DEADLINE SET BY CHADIANS FOR PROJECT AND PLANS TO DO ITS BEST TO MEET DEADLINE.

WE SHALL SO INFORM ALINGUE WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON.

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3. FYI: ALINGUE RECEIVED URGENT MESSAGE FROM GOC JAN. 22 INSTRUCTING HIM TO REPRESENT CHAD AT GROUP OF 77 MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MANILA. ALINGUE LEFT WASHINGTON JAN. 23, BUT HOPED TO RETURN IN TIME TO PREPARE FOR GENERAL DJOGO'S VISIT IN EARLY FEBRUARY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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